

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Rodriguez

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For:

Improved Bale Banding Machine and Method

Art Unit:

3721

Examiner:

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This communication is in response to a first office action with mail date of Feb. 23, 2005, in which the Examiner has rejected claims 14, 15 and 20-22 under Section 102(b) as anticipated by Rodriguez '180.

The Examiner further indicates that claims 1-13 are allowed, and that claims 16-19 and 23-26 would be allowable if properly rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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